

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
September 15, 2022
Via Teleconferencing through Zoom
7:30pm

Term Exp	Members	Present	Absent
Staff	Bob Ryan		X
Staff	Rebecca Bailey	X	
6/30/2025	Suzie Bellamy	X	
6/30/2025	Marci Booth	X	
06/30/2024	Stephanie Butler	X	
06/30/2024	Eugene Chay	X	
06/30/2025	Matt Doyle	X	
06/30/2023	Lisa Ealley	X	
6/30/2024	Sharon O'Malley (a 7:35pm)	X	
6/30/2024	Kathy Rodeffer	X	
6/30/2023	Patti Stange		X
6/30/2023	Stephanie Stullich		X
6/20/2024	Bonnie Swart (a 7:35pm; d.8:05pm)	X	

Also present: Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ms. Booth, Co-Chair.

1. The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept it. Ms. Rodeffer seconded the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
2. The August 25, 2022, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept the minutes. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion. **Motion carries 6-1-0.**
3. ACO Report
 - a. October 2 has been confirmed for the Rabies/Microchip clinic. Ms. Bailey has 2 AWC members volunteering for AM and for PM shift plus Nellie, Greenbelt ACO, is on stand-by. Ms. Butler volunteered to help during the AM shift. Ms. DeWalt will re-email out the sign-up sheet to the committee for volunteers. If someone else is available for the afternoon shift, Ms. Bailey will inform Nellie that she will not be needed. The event is posted on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rabies-microchip-clinic-tickets-419064542327>.
 - b. College Park Day is October 15. AWC will have table space under the City tent. Ms. DeWalt did send out the sign-up sheet for volunteers but will re-send the email again to the committee. Ms. Bailey will reach out Kevin Blackersby, who is coordinating College Park Day. Several committee members mentioned that in the past, AWC had brochures, stickers, dog poop bags, pertinent animal information, dog biscuits and cat treats, bowl for water (many residents bring their dogs). There was also a donation jar, which was prior approved by Mayor and Council. Ms. DeWalt will find the minutes and send to Ms. Ealley, Ms. Booth and Ms. Bailey for reference of the donation jar approval from Mayor and City Council.
 - c. Ms. Bailey has set up a box at Davis Hall for animal donations of food, toys, etc. She will be asking for approval to have one in City Hall. She will ask for a social media blast to be sent out announcing the donation box.

- d. Currently Beltsville Cats have kittens at Petco. College Park has a number of kittens that should be ready in a few weeks to go to Petco. It was noted that the Petco hours have been shortened and they may no longer be open on Sundays. Ms. Bailey will confirm the hours.
 - e. Ms. Bailey mentioned using monies from the AWC fund to purchase new cat cages for the shelter. It was discussed that Mr. Ryan mentioned in a previous meeting that the City is responsible for the physical plant of the shelter and the Public Services budget had monies set aside for shelter improvements. Ms. Bailey will confirm with Mr. Ryan and will share with the committee at the October meeting
 - f. Lynn Animal Hospital in Riverdale is having an Open House on September 25 to show available pets for adoption. The City of College Park has been invited. Ms. Stulich and Mr. Chay will attend with Ms. Bailey and will be able to showcase the kittens we have available for adoption.
 - g. There is a Red Tick coonhound in foster care. He did spend a couple days at the shelter until he was vetted. He was found in Lakeland and appears to be about 7-8 years old. The foster family may know of someone who is interested in adopting him.
 - h. Summation of the ACO report:
 - i. 12 calls were handled
 - ii. 2 kittens were adopted
 - iii. Ms. Bailey attended a Pet First Aid/CPR training class.
 - iv. There is a cat with a broken leg that was recently found. Ms. Bailey will have pictures posted shortly.
4. Patti Stange's recognition video is done, and Ms. O'Malley will email it to the committee. Ms. Stulich has the star, certificate, and College Park items to send to Ms. Stange.
5. Municipal Scene Articles –
- a. November – Holiday foods – Ms. Bellamy
 - b. December – Why animals should not be given as holiday presents – Ms. Rodeffer
 - c. January – Value of having a pet for therapy, such as dealing with PTSD – Ms. O'Malley
 - d. February – Hazards of Chocolate Candy – Ms. Butler
6. Ms. Termini just sent her information to Ms. Ealley for her honorary membership. Mr. Turley may be in the process of selling his home and moving to Western Maryland. If confirmed, an honorary membership will no longer need to be done for him.
7. The committee was asked if either highlighting or a blackline could be done, if the draft minutes are revised prior to the next meeting date.
8. With the November meeting falling on Thanksgiving Day and the December meeting falling during Christmas week, the co-chairs suggested to combine the November and December meetings for Thursday, December 8, 2022. Mr. Rodeffer made a motion to accept the suggestion. Ms. Bellamy seconded. **Motion carries 8-0-0.**
9. The date of the next virtual meeting will be on October 27, 2022, at 7:30pm. Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. O'Malley. **Motion carries 8-0-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.